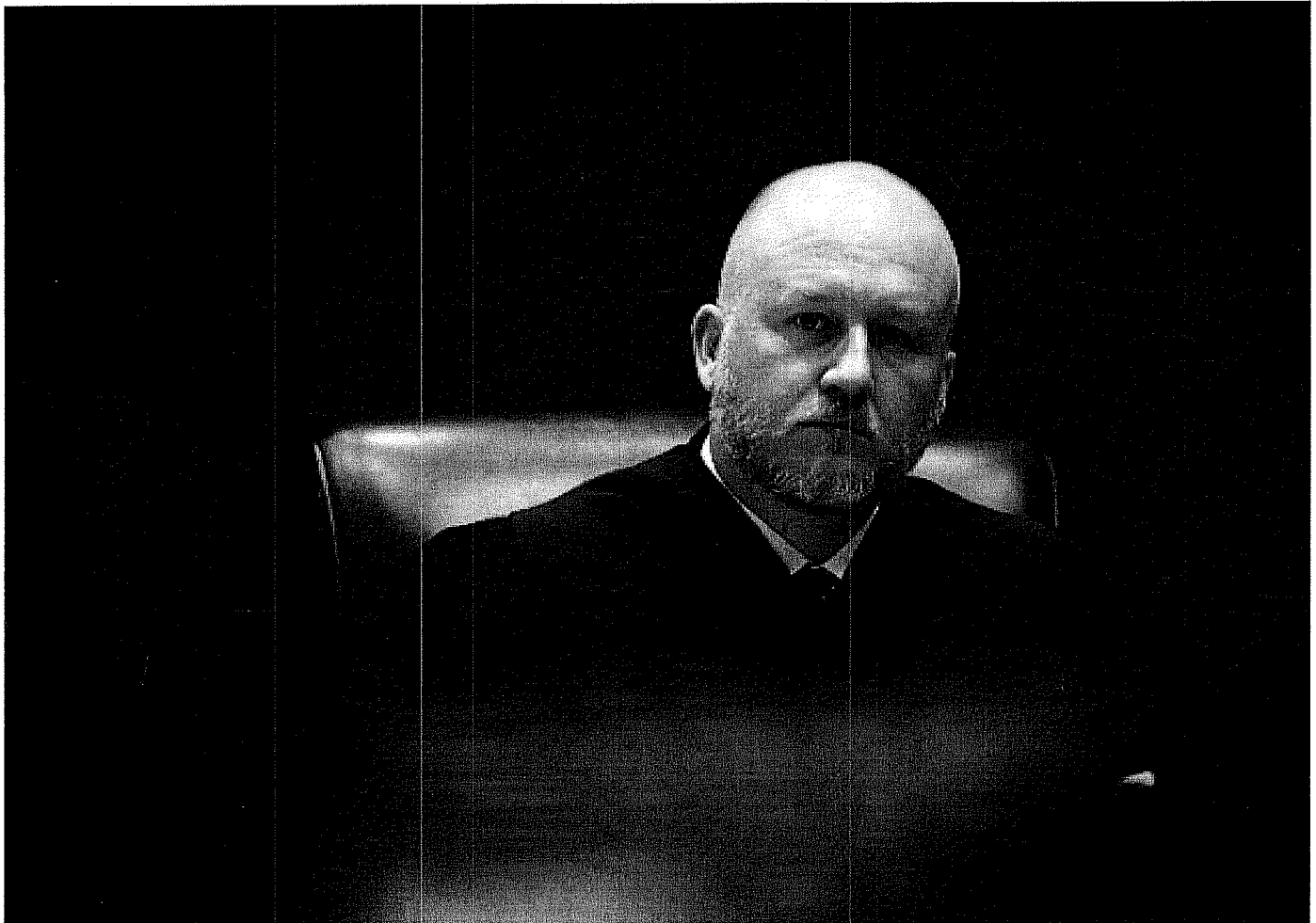


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# Pedro Bravo Trial Resumes Today

By **Amanda Clark** on August 11th, 2014



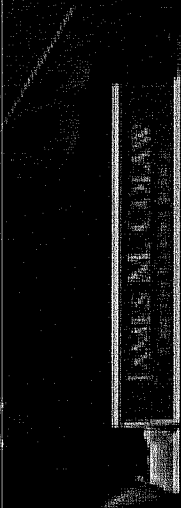
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Circuit Court Judge James Colaw presides over the Pedro Bravo murder trial in courtroom 1B of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Friday, August 8, 2014. Bravo is accused of killing University of Florida student Christian Aguilar. (Doug Finger/The Gainesville Sun/Pool)

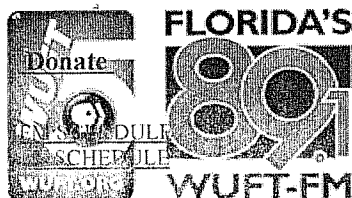
**Week two of the Pedro Bravo trial begins today.**

**Pedro Bravo is charged with the murder and kidnapping**









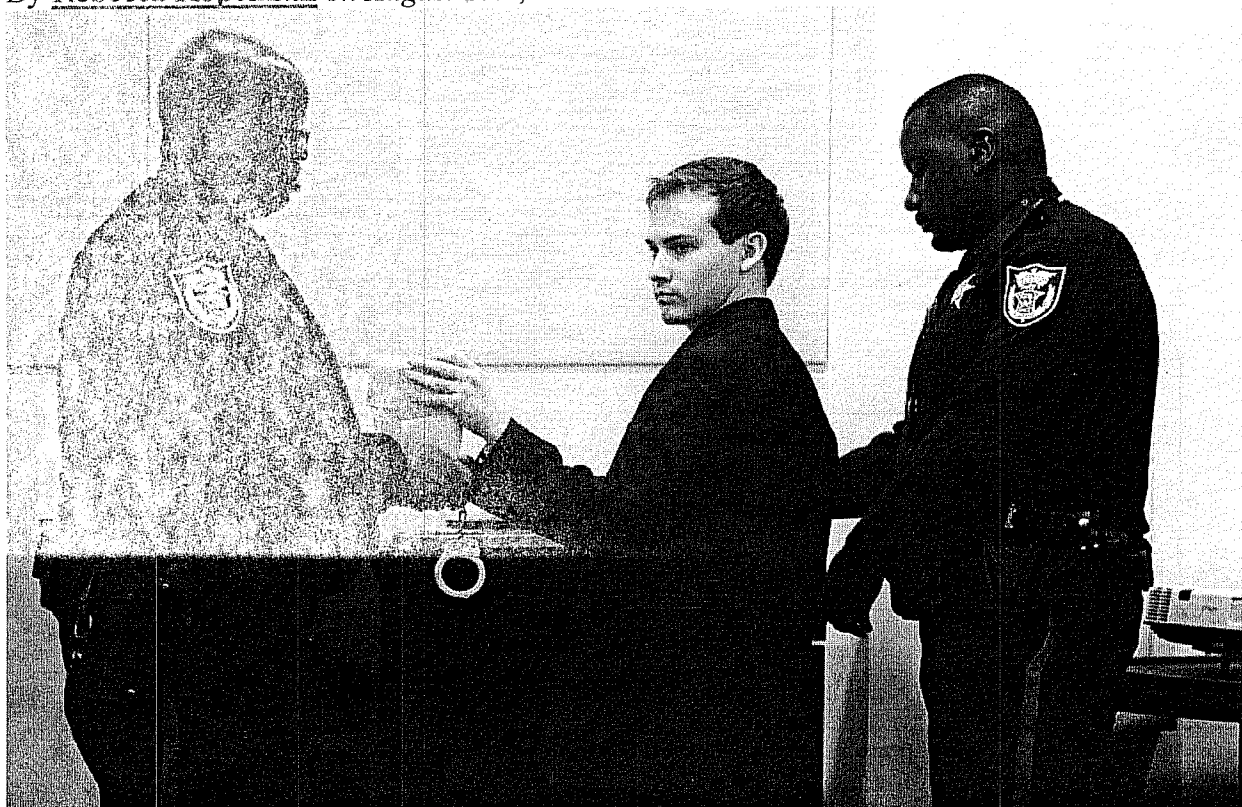
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### **Pedro Bravo Found Guilty On All Seven Charges**

By Rebecca Kopelman on August 15th, 2014

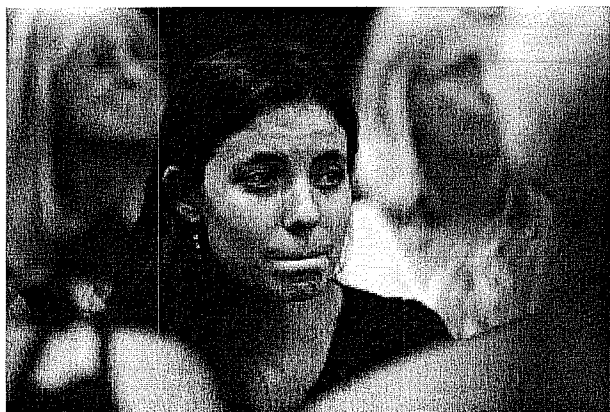


Pedro Bravo is fingerprinted after being sentence to life in prison for the murder of Christian Aguilar in courtroom 1B of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Friday, August 15, 2014. (Doug Finger/The Gainesville Sun/Pool)

After several hours of deliberation following a two-week trial, the jury has found Pedro Bravo guilty in the first-degree murder of his former high school friend and University of Florida student Christian Aguilar.

Bravo, 20, was found guilty of first degree murder, kidnapping-false imprisonment, poisoning, improper transportation of human remains, giving false information to law enforcement in a missing person case, tampering with evidence, and providing false reports following the 2012 disappearance of Aguilar.

Bravo looked stoic during the reading of the verdict. Erika Friman and Claudia Aguilar were seen crying in the courtroom after the reading of the verdict.



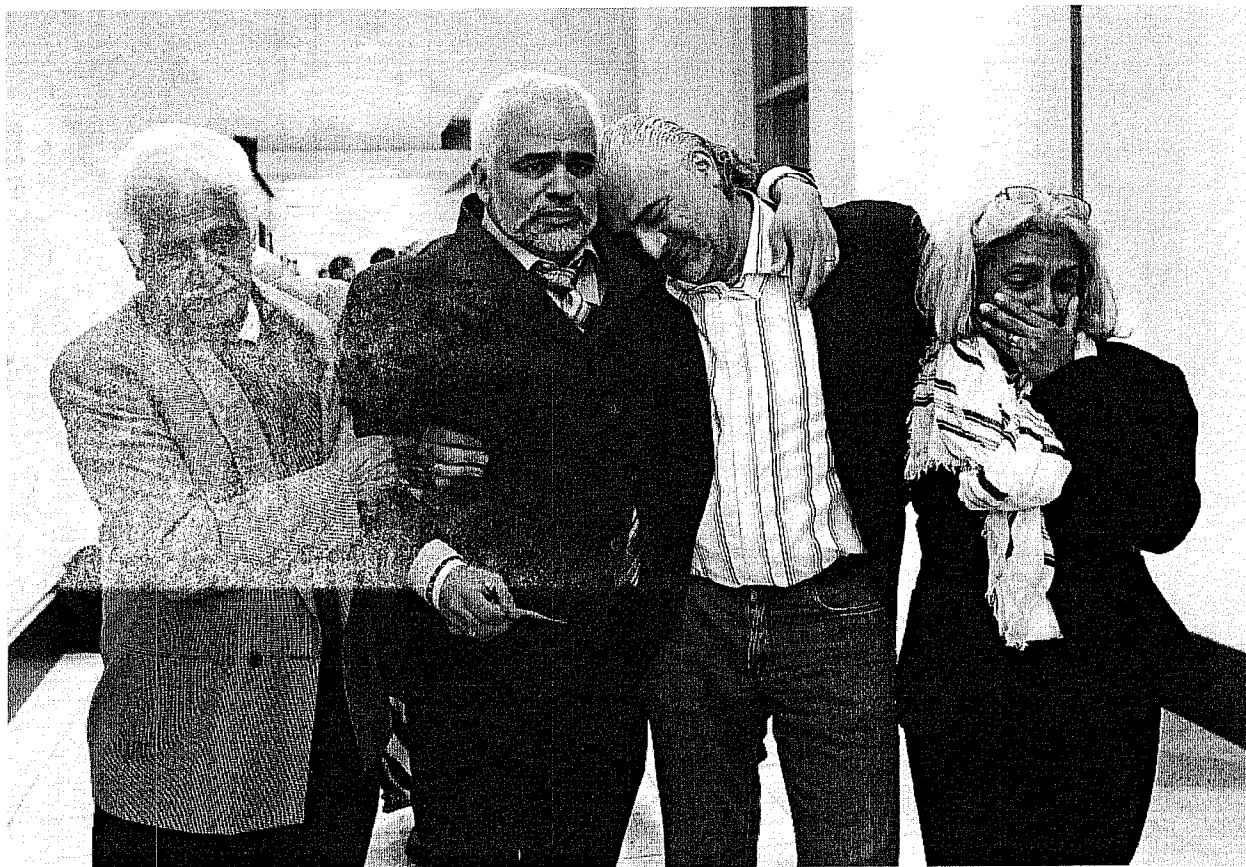
Erika Friman, the former girlfriend of Pedro Bravo and Christian Aguilar, listens to Circuit Court Judge James Colaw sentence Bravo to life in prison for the murder of Christian Aguilar in courtroom 1B of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Friday, August 15, 2014. (Doug Finger/The Gainesville Sun/Pool)

Judge James Colaw sentenced Bravo to natural life in prison with no possibility of parole on count one of murder in the first degree. For count two, false imprisonment, Bravo received five years to be served consecutively. On count three, poisoning, Bravo was sentenced to 30 years to be served consecutively. On counts four and five, tampering with evidence and providing false reports, Colaw sentenced him to five years each to be served consecutively. On count six, giving false information to law enforcement, Bravo was sentenced to one year in the county jail and given credit for time served. And lastly, on count seven, improper transportation of human remains, Colaw sentenced him to 60 days in the county jail with credit for time served.

Bravo spoke before the sentencing and maintained he did not kill Christian Aguilar. "I know in my heart and I know in my actions that day and God knows that I did not kill Christian Aguilar."

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Christian Aguilar, 18, went missing on Sept. 20, 2012 and his body was found more than a month later. Surveillance video gathered at the time at Best Buy on Archer Road lead police to believe that Bravo was the last person seen with him that day.



Carlos Aguilar, the father of slain University of Florida student Christian Aguilar, walks with his father Carlos, at left, his brother Diego Aguilar and Diego's wife Nasly, at right, after Pedro Bravo was found guilty of first degree murder and false imprisonment at the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Friday, August 15, 2014. (Doug Finger/The Gainesville Sun/Pool)

The state claimed Bravo killed Aguilar in part because he started dating Bravo's ex-girlfriend, Erika Friman.

The three of them went to school together at Doral Academy in Miami, and Friman testified in court that she broke up with Bravo before moving to Gainesville to attend Santa Fe

College. Bravo said he changed his plans of attending Florida International University and ~~transferred~~ to Santa Fe College in order to win Friman back.

~~Bravo testified~~ he met with Aguilar on Sept. 20 to talk about his troubles with depression.

~~Friman testified~~ that she contacted Bravo after Aguilar didn't show up for plans with her that night, knowing the two had been together. Bravo then told her the two of them had gotten into a fight.

Friman and Bravo reported a missing person to Gainesville Police Department and University of Florida Police, after which a community-wide search was launched for Aguilar. The search was called off on Oct. 5, but hunters found his remains in a shallow grave on Oct. 13 in wooded area in Levy County.

The state claimed Bravo drugged and then strangled Aguilar with a moving strap on the night of Sept. 20 in the parking lot of the old Wal-Mart on NW 13th street. Police recovered the belt from the back seat of Bravo's blue Chevy Blazer.

Bravo's former cellmate, Michael Angelo, told the court during his testimony that it took Bravo 13 minutes to kill Aguilar with the moving strap found in the back seat. Angelo said Bravo told him he put Aguilar's body in the ground after he dug a hole and covered it up with a shrub and rock.

The defense maintained the two men fought, but that Bravo did not kill Aguilar.

Gainesville Police Detective Matthew Goeckel performed a forensic examination of Bravo's phone and determined that Bravo's phone was in the area of Wal-Mart for over two and a half hours on Sept. 20. System logs show that the flashlight application on Bravo's phone was also used that night for over 48 minutes.

A number of Florida Department of Law Enforcement crime lab analysts testified with several pieces of evidence presented by the state. One piece of evidence was a Gatorade bottle containing acetaminophen and diphenhydramine, drugs which are used in manufacturing pharmaceutical products. Bravo told the jury that he drank the poisonous concoction in a failed suicide attempt.

Additional testimony from FDLE revealed that duct tape recovered from the ankle of Aguilar came from the same roll of tape found on Bravo's car windshield.

Greg Brock, one of the analysts, obtained a DNA profile of Aguilar from a toothbrush. The profile was then used to determine that blood on a floor mat, a paint can and a shoe insert in Bravo's car matched the DNA of Aguilar.

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Associate Medical Examiner Martha Burt testified as the state presented photos of Aguilar's ~~distinctive~~ distinctive. She recalled going to the site and seeing a "gray, duct tape like material" looped around the wrists, ankles and neck of the body. Burt said dental records were used to positively identify Aguilar.

Pedro Bravo testified in his own defense on Thursday. He was the only witness the defense called while presenting its case to the jury.

Bravo testified that he and Aguilar fought after having a discussion about his suicidal thoughts, but then left Aguilar on the side of the road.

While in jail, Bravo wrote in a suicide note, "It's selfish, it may be the wrong move, but I'm in here so the move has already been made" and "I am a monster for hurting Chris."

When the prosecution cross-examined Bravo, he maintained he did not kill Aguilar.

Bravo: "I didn't kill him."

Prosecution: "I'm not asking you if you did. I think you have that answer."

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## Pedro Bravo found guilty of first-degree murder of Christian Aguilar

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Doug Finger / AP

Pedro Bravo listens as the prosecution gives opening statements in his murder trial in a courtroom in the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center in Gainesville on Tuesday. Prosecutors said Bravo orchestrated a plan to kill his friend from Miami, University of Florida student Christian Aguilar, because of an obsession with a girl who had dumped him for the victim.

Pedro Bravo was found guilty on Friday of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole in the killing of University of Florida freshman Christian Aguilar after a two-week trial that centered on jealousy, rage, unrequited love, suicide and, ultimately, murder.

Bravo stared straight ahead after a court clerk read the verdict aloud in Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 1B. Both the Aguilar and Bravo families were present, both in tears. Sentencing immediately followed the verdict, with the Aguilar family addressing the judge.

Carlos Aguilar, the young man's father, went first: "Our life was destroyed on Sept. 20, 2012," the day the UF freshman went missing.

Claudia Aguilar, his mother, spoke in a broken voice about Bravo, who had been a high school friend of her son's: "He made the most terrible decision for me and my family."

Their younger son, Alexander, who now attends UF, also addressed the judge. "It's been agonizing — so much pain and agony. I am now a student at the University of Florida. I would have loved to spend time with my brother here but that is never going to happen. I trusted the jury and they didn't fail me."

And then Bravo spoke, too, refusing blame. "It doesn't matter what anyone says. I know in my heart what I did. I did not kill my friend."

Alachua County Circuit Judge James Colaw was unmoved, piling an additional 40 years on top of life in prison without possibility of parole. "This is your day of reckoning," he told Bravo before announcing the sentences.

Along with first-degree murder, Bravo, 20, was convicted of false imprisonment, poisoning, providing false information to law enforcement officers and other charges.

As Bravo was sentenced, he looked toward his mother in the courtroom. She was weeping and made the sign of the cross.

Prosecutors said Bravo killed Aguilar by poisoning and strangulation, jealous over the relationship Aguilar had with Bravo's ex-girlfriend, Erika Friman. He then drove about an hour to Levy County and dumped his body in the woods.

After nine days of testimony and more than 1,000 pieces of evidence on both sides, the jury — eight women, four men — deliberated more than three hours. Though Bravo took the stand and testified for more than two hours on what happened on Sept. 20, 2012, they concluded Aguilar's death was no accident.

The verdict, almost two years after Aguilar first disappeared, marks the end of a tragic chapter that started with panicked phone calls from Gainesville and distraught parents on a relentless search for their missing son. On Friday night, Aguilar's father, Carlos — who attended trial everyday with his wife, younger son and two dozen family members — found long-awaited justice.

In an interview before the verdict, Carlos Aguilar spoke about finally seeing the case reach a trial. "The reality is the verdict will not bring my son back. But Pedro was held accountable. I promised Christian at his burial that there would be justice."

Aguilar, 18, was last seen entering a Gainesville Best Buy with Bravo to buy a Kanye West CD. When he went missing, the Gainesville and Miami communities united to find him, searching for 22 days across much of the college town. Aguilar's skeletal remains were discovered in a shallow grave in woods in Levy County, about 60 miles from Gainesville. He had been bound with duct tape.

Police found blood in Bravo's SUV, as well as Aguilar's backpack hidden in Bravo's apartment. They also found a receipt showing that Bravo had purchased duct tape and a shovel in the days before Aguilar's disappearance. Bravo was arrested within days.

Bravo's lawyers had painted a picture of a young man tormented and ready to die. He had cut his wrists, written about his own death in journals and letters and was involuntarily committed for mental health reasons by police, all as he struggled with the breakup from Friman.

But prosecutors said Bravo was the smart, nefarious mastermind behind a plot to kill Aguilar.

The three young people had attended high school together at Doral Academy Preparatory School.

During Bravo's sentencing, the judge ordered him to have no contact with the Aguilar family or with Friman.

Friman, who testified during the trial, was in court for the verdict. "I am relieved. I am exhausted. It's been a long two years but I feel like the weight has finally been lifted off of us."

Afterward, Carlos Aguilar said he's not ready to forgive. "Not yet, because Pedro Bravo didn't show any [remorse]. He did not admit his guilt."

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## Jury selected in Bravo murder trial

By [Cindy Swirko](#)

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A jury was impaneled late Monday afternoon to decide if former Santa Fe College student Pedro Bravo killed his friend Christian Aguilar in 2012 and left his body in a Levy County forest, a crime that drew crowds of volunteers to Gainesville to search for Aguilar.



*Doug Finger/The Gainesville Sun*

Bravo, 20, spoke quietly in court Monday to briefly answer with a "Yes, your honor" or "No, your honor" to questions from Circuit Judge James Colaw on whether he understood the jury selection and had any concerns about it.

Defendant Pedro Bravo attends jury selection in Courtroom 1B of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Monday. Bravo is on trial for the murder of University of Florida student Christian Aguilar.

The trial will begin Tuesday morning and is scheduled for two weeks.

Bravo is charged with murder, kidnapping and five other charges regarding the September 2012 death of Aguilar, an 18-year-old University of Florida student. Police believe it may have stemmed from Aguilar dating a woman whom Bravo had previously dated.

A 14-member jury of eight women and six men, which included two alternates who were not designated by Colaw, will hear allegations that Bravo drugged and suffocated his former high school friend from the Doral area of Miami.

Aguilar was last seen on Sept. 20, 2012. Bravo initially told authorities he beat Aguilar and left him unconscious, but extensive searches failed to locate the body.

In the meantime, Bravo was arrested on a murder charge based on the beating admission and other factors, including the purchase of a shovel and duct tape shortly before Aguilar was reported missing.

Aguilar's body was found by hunters on Oct. 17 deep in the woods of Levy County off State Road 24 near Cedar Key.

The original indictment alleged that Bravo beat Aguilar. It was later modified to allege "by suffocating and poisoning (Aguilar) by some manner unknown."

Potential jurors were given a special questionnaire Monday morning regarding their knowledge of the case.

The five questions were designed to speed the process of selecting a jury for the trial, Colaw said.

Colaw later acknowledged to jurors that one question regarding opinions about the case was poorly worded and confusing.

"It was a bad question," said one woman.

"It was a very bad question," Colaw replied.

Several prospective jurors said they had already formed opinions about the case that they did not believe would change with testimony.

"You can't be a resident of Alachua County and not have heard something about this case," said one.

Others said serving on a jury for two weeks would cause an economic hardship.

Both prosecutors and Bravo's defense team eliminated several from the jury pool because of their preconceived ideas on the case and hardships.

Bravo was impassive when Colaw read the seven charges against him and gave a brief narrative of the case. Bravo has been jailed since his arrest.

Bravo, slight of stature and alert throughout the day, occasionally turned to look into the seating area of the courtroom but mainly kept his gaze fixed on the judge, his lawyers and potential jurors.

Aguilar's father, Carlos, was briefly at the Alachua County Criminal Courthouse Monday morning. He did not attend jury selection but said he will return Tuesday.

Carlos Aguilar and other family members were in Gainesville throughout the search.

For weeks police and crews of volunteers searched Gainesville and other areas of Alachua County for the body after Bravo initially told police that the two men fought and that Bravo left Aguilar in northwest Gainesville.

No members of Bravo's family were spotted in the courtroom.

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## Trial brings family 'justice, not revenge'

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On Wednesday afternoon, Carlos Aguilar was making the drive home to Miami after helping settle his son, Alex, into the next phase of his life as a University of Florida freshman.

They drove around campus and by the stores and restaurants on Archer Road. It brought back memories.

He had driven his son Christian around the same streets in 2012 when he was a UF freshman — the same stores and restaurants and campus spots where Christian spent the last day of his life on Sept. 20 before he was killed by high-school friend Pedro Bravo.

Aguilar had to return to work Thursday after missing two weeks — plus a few extra days in Gainesville getting Alex moved in — to attend Bravo's trial, finding satisfaction in the guilty verdict.

"We wanted justice, not revenge. We want people to know that there will be justice if they take a life. We tried to make sure that everybody understood it is not time to celebrate because of a tragedy," Aguilar said Wednesday. "But it is important to go forward. Right now, we are going to start healing and moving forward and adjusting to the pain that we have."

Bravo, 20, was found guilty of murder, false imprisonment and five other charges for strangling Aguilar, 18, in his blue Chevrolet Blazer in the parking lot of the Northwest 13th Street Wal-Mart. The store has since closed.

The motive involved Erika Friman, whom Bravo had dated in high school, but whom Aguilar was dating in Gainesville. They all had attended the Doral Academy in Miami and came to Gainesville for college. Bravo wanted her back.

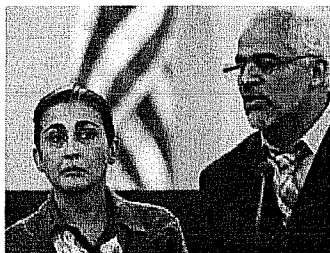
Evidence was so overwhelming it took the jury about three hours to reach the verdict.

Now, the Aguilar and Bravo families are trying to move on with their lives. The police who broke the case and the prosecutor, who was so certain of Bravo's guilt that he charged Bravo before Aguilar's body had been found, have turned their attention to other cases but said they will never forget this one.

Defense attorney Michael Ruppert's only comment to The Sun was that the case will be appealed.

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In the closing days of the trial, which began with jury selection Aug. 4 and ended with the quick verdict on Aug. 15, Aguilar family and supporters filled one side of the courtroom. Carlos Aguilar, his wife Claudia, son Alex and many other relatives were there for all of the many hours of often painful testimony and evidence.



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Claudia and Carlos Aguilar speak during a press conference following the first degree murder conviction and life sentencing of Pedro Bravo for the murder of their son Christian at the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center Friday, August 15, 2014.

Alex Aguilar, who plans to study biochemistry with an aim to become a pharmacist, said the family was briefed on the case by the State Attorney's Office and knew what to expect at trial, but some surprises still arose.

"They told us that the defense would just make up stories. We were prepared," he said last week. "A lot of the evidence, they had prepped us on it. But they couldn't tell us everything just to maintain the integrity of the case. A lot of who was going and what was going to be said, we knew. But there was a lot of evidence that (we) just didn't know about, so when they presented it, we were living it as everybody else was."

Among the unexpected was the testimony and evidence provided by Michael Angelo, a convicted felon who at times shared a jail cell with Bravo. Bravo gave Angelo vital details.

Years ago in Miami, Alex Aguilar was the first in the family to meet Bravo — two years before his brother became friends with him. Alex said he and Bravo were among four people who shared a table in art class. Alex was in the sixth grade and Bravo in the eighth.

At the time, Alex said, Bravo seemed like an average kid, not a cunning killer.

"I met Pedro early on, and I've seen him for many years, and he always seemed like such — nothing obvious, just a normal kid going through high school," Alex Aguilar said. "Everything he said in court, his whole suicidal tendencies and depression, I personally don't buy it. He was a normal kid. He would make jokes. You could ask some friends — he was a fun person. But you never really pick up on these kinds of things, and when it actually comes out, it kind of shocks everybody."

Alex said he first really got to know Gainesville during the search for his brother, which began Sept. 21 and ended Oct. 12 when his body was found by two men looking for jasmine vines in a forested area off State Road 24 near Cedar Key.

Attending UF as Christian had done is a way to honor his brother, Alex said.

"There were some areas where we searched, and part of me is thinking about it. They were more on the outskirts of Gainesville," Alex said. "In the city, I passed through a lot of places with Chris. We toured the city, and I have a lot of good memories of him on campus and in the city. I came here for my own reasons — it's a great school. I am going to be able to see what he saw in the school in my time here. It's more like a privilege to be here."

Carlos Aguilar said the family is honoring Christian in another way. They have started the Christian Aguilar Search and Rescue Foundation with a goal of helping other families and police find missing people.

The goal is to fill the gap and challenges of the search and rescue faced by professionals and volunteer groups. The foundation is trying to create a national directory for search and rescue volunteers and professionals to meet the highest standards in training and awareness, and certification for search and rescue dogs and handlers.

"We are hoping it will help families find missing loved ones," Carlos Aguilar said.

"We also have an application in Apple that everybody can call the Missing Children Global Children's Network. We want to take it a little further than Amber Alerts — provide information about suspects."

The killing and trial was a tragedy for the Aguilar family, Carlos Aguilar said, but also for the Bravos.

Pedro Bravo Sr. and his wife, Azucena Duque, could not be reached for this story. They also attended the entire trial, and Bravo at times blew them kisses in the courtroom.

"Pedro's family has lost a son — he is going to be in jail forever," Carlos Aguilar said. "Now we have a verdict in our favor, but Christian is not here. It didn't bring back our son."

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State Attorney Bill Cervone, who was confident the jury would find Bravo guilty of murder, said he has never had a case with as much "ironclad" circumstantial evidence as this one.

Cervone opted not to seek the death penalty against Bravo, who was sentenced by Circuit Judge James Colaw to life in prison without parole on the murder charge plus additional years on several of the other charges.

"When I look at his lack of record and his age and what I know must be some mental health issue, I know, on balance, I just did not think it qualified (for the death penalty) under what the law requires," Cervone said. "The emotional reaction is, this is horrible, but I just don't think it qualifies."

Bravo was charged with murder before Christian's body had been found on the strength of the circumstantial evidence, and Cervone said he believes the verdict would have been guilty even if the body not been recovered.

But Cervone added that having the body eliminated speculation and answered a lot of questions.

Unanswered by the trial are questions about Bravo.

"I don't know what's going on with that kid, and someday we will find out. I know intuitively that they had (psychologists) look at him. We never got the first word of anything about that — I assumed, at the start, this was going to be a mental health defense. We never got anything from them in terms of mental health mitigation to try to talk us out of first-degree. Nothing," Cervone said. "I became convinced after watching a little bit of his testimony that he is an absolute sociopath. Just looking at him smiling and being charming and denying it all — there is just something deeply wrong with that kid."

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One of the key investigators whose evidence helped convict Bravo never interviewed him and was near him only briefly on Sept. 21. Instead, GPD's Matt Goeckel got to know Bravo's iPhone 4.

The phone provided a road map of Bravo's whereabouts from the time he met Aguilar on the UF campus on the day of his disappearance until his phone went off-network later that night. While it was off-network, Goeckel learned that Bravo still was using a flashlight app — evidence that Cervone said was crucial to understanding that Bravo was burying Aguilar.

Goeckel also uncovered Internet searches done on the cellphone and other facts that added to the overwhelming evidence against Bravo.

"I've always been into technology. The data doesn't lie; people lie. I prefer to work with the data because I know it's not going to lie to me," Goeckel said. "I sat in front of a computer every day for 30 days on this case. That's all I did."

Initially, Goeckel's searches, particularly the movement of the cellphone, were done to guide the corps of volunteers and police looking for Aguilar's body to spots where it might be.

As the case went on, the phone was also searched to build evidence. Some of it proved Bravo's statements to be false.

On the last day of the trial, Goeckel was one of several men, including Carlos Aguilar and other officers, wearing something purple in their clothing — a shirt or a tie.

It was Christian's favorite color, and they wore it for solidarity. Goeckel said last week that this case moved him in ways that others haven't.

"This was day in, day out for a month. You develop emotions," Goeckel said. "By that point, Pedro had already been arrested. It was more than that. It was really more of a resolution for the Aguilar family that we wanted. We wanted to find Christian. We wanted to bring him home in whatever state we got him."

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## Judge denies motion for Bravo to get a new trial

By [Cindy Swirko](#)

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A judge on Tuesday morning denied a motion by Pedro Bravo's attorney for a new trial in the murder of Christian Aguilar based on statements made at a recent sentencing for a key witness.

At issue was whether police and prosecutors asked inmate Michael Angelo, who was at times an Alachua County jail cellmate of Bravo, to try to find out where Aguilar's body was located.

Circuit Judge James Colaw, who presided over Bravo's August trial, found no basis for a new trial after the two-hour session.

"What was bantered about at a sentencing ... I don't find that rhetoric necessarily significant when compared to the specific testimony that was presented today," Colaw said. "Having heard the evidence today and having weighed the credibility of that testimony, I find there is insufficient evidence ... to support the allegations."

Bravo was found guilty of murder and other charges and sentenced to life in prison without parole Aug. 15 for the Sept. 20, 2012, murder of Aguilar, 18. Both men had attended the same Miami high school and Aguilar had begun dating Bravo's former girlfriend when they moved to Gainesville to attend college.

Angelo was a key witness in the trial after having told Gainesville Police Department investigators and prosecutors what Bravo had told him about the Aguilar murder, including that he had strangled Aguilar in his SUV in a parking lot of the former Wal-Mart on Northwest 13th Street.

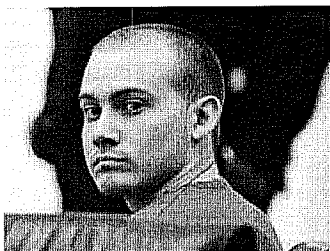
In return for his cooperation, Angelo received recommendations from prosecutors for a lighter term for his crimes when he was sentenced a week after Bravo's trial.

Bravo's attorney, Michael Ruppert, contended statements at the Angelo sentencing by Angelo's attorney, Margaret Stack, indicate that a police investigator and State Attorney Bill Cervone asked Stack to get Angelo to find out where Aguilar's body could be found.

Stack could be heard on an audio recording of the sentencing played Tuesday telling the judge that police and State Attorney Bill Cervone began calling her when they learned that Bravo and Angelo were cellmates "to see if I could get Mr. Angelo to find out where the body was buried."

Ruppert said Tuesday that had he known this during Bravo's trial, he would acted on it during the trial.

"We would ask that the court grant us a new trial because this information we did not have," Ruppert said.



*Doug Finger/The Gainesville Sun*

Convicted murderer Pedro Bravo sits in Courtroom 3C of the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center in Gainesville during a hearing on Tuesday.

Stack testified Tuesday that Cervone and a detective who she believed was retired GPD officer Bennie Smith called and asked if Angelo knew anything about where the body was buried. She said she didn't believe they had any other questions.

Cervone, Smith and GPD detective Randy Roberts testified that they did not call Stack or ask her to enlist Angelo to try to find out where Aguilar's body could be found.

Cervone said that Stack had called him several times, seemingly "frantic" with information from Angelo regarding the Aguilar case.

"I absolutely did not tell her to do that," Cervone said regarding asking Stack to get Angelo to try to learn the location of Aguilar's body from Bravo. "It absolutely did not happen and had anybody even tried to say that in my presence, I would have stopped them."

Colaw issued his decision immediately after a closing statement by Ruppert.

Bravo was in court Tuesday for the hearing wearing a red prison jumpsuit, his hair considerably shorter than it was during his trial.

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